

Foster Care Education and Training Vouchers



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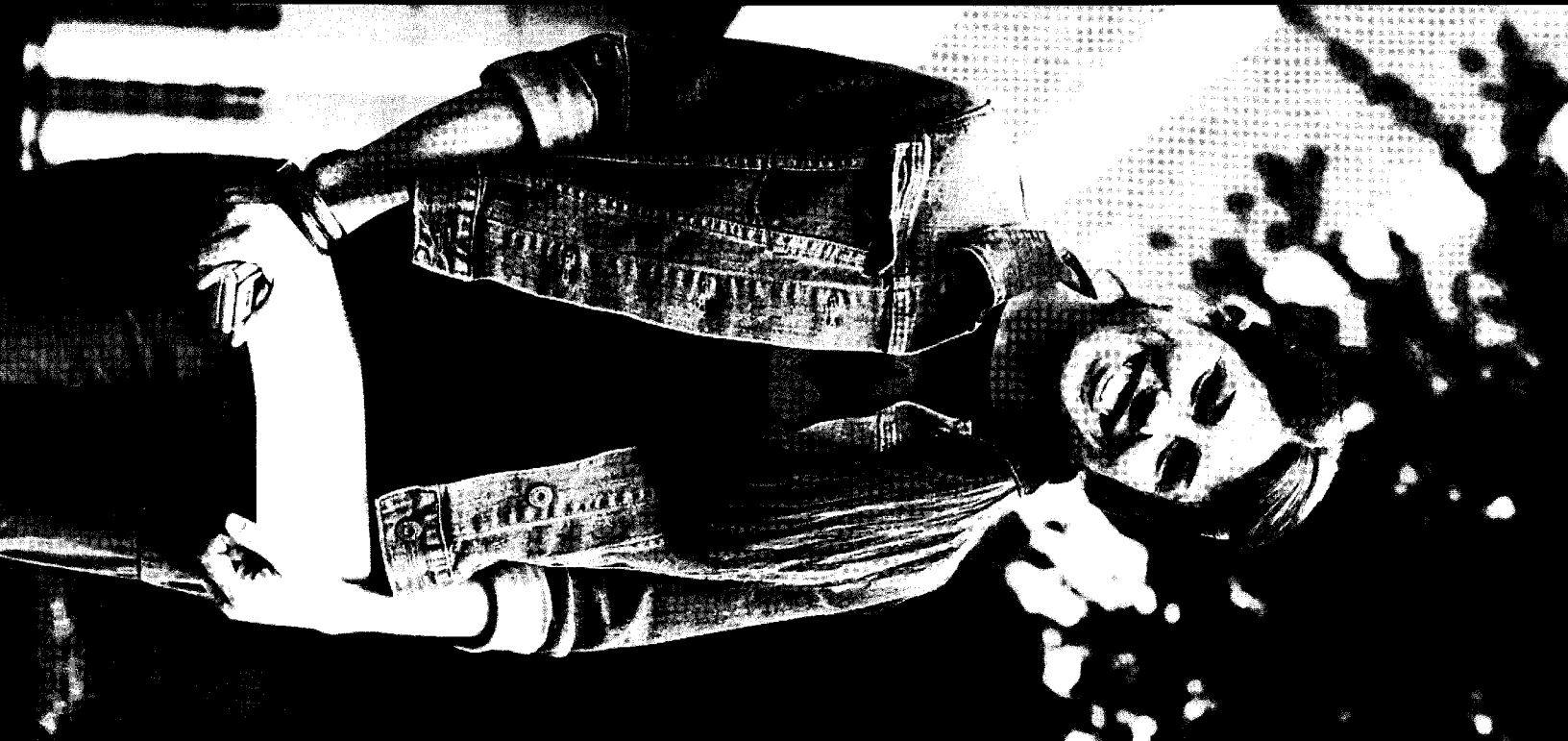
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Anyone who is interested in applying for ETV funds
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What is the Education and Training Voucher Program?

The Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program provides financial assistance to increase access to postsecondary education and vocational training programs for students who were in foster care at 18 years of age. After their 21st birthday, youths may apply for continued assistance until their 23rd birthday. However they must be enrolled at least half time in postsecondary education or a training program and must be making satisfactory progress.

Up to \$5,000 per student, per year is available to assist with the cost of attendance (COA).

Example:	Tuition and fees.....	\$3,600
	Room/board.....	4,600
	Books/supplies.....	700
	Misc. expenses.....	3,100
	<i>(child care, parking permits, meal plans, computers, transportation, tutoring and tests)</i>	
	Total COA.....	\$12,000

ETV funds do not affect a student's eligibility for federally supported assistance, including Pell grants and state tuition waivers. ETV funds do not have to be repaid.

Who can apply for Education and Training Vouchers?

- Students who have "aged out" of the foster system.
- Students who are currently in foster care.
- Students adopted from foster care or who appointed a guardian after attaining the age of majority.
- Students who are (or have been) under tribal court jurisdiction and meet the same eligibility criteria listed above.

Where to start

- Log on to the Montana Career Information System (MCIS) located at www.safmnt.org Click on "Start Planning for Your Future MCIS."

- Choose a career path.
- Select a school. A list of colleges and training programs is provided to all applicants to compare schools and programs.

- Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online at www.fafsa.gov. This is required to get an ETV.

- Log on to the Student Assistance Foundation Web site located at www.safmnt.org. Click "Programs." The ETV applications and student agreements are available online there.

Call Student Assistance Foundation at (800) 852-2761 ext. 7750 to get more information.